

# Deane Parish Magazine

## June



2007



# St Mary's Diary: June

	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Sunday 3rd	Morning Prayer (BCP) Galatians 1: 1-10 Luke 7: 1-10	Family Parade Acts 9: 32-43	Holy Communion (BCP) Galatians 1: 1-10 Luke 7: 1-10
Sunday 10th	Holy Communion (BCP) Galatians 2: 11-21 Luke 7: 11-17	Holy Communion Philippians 2: 25-30	Service of the Word Galatians 2: 11-21 Luke 7: 11-17
Sunday 17th	Holy Communion (BCP) Galatians 3: 19-4:7 Luke 7: 36-8:3	Sermons Family Worship Acts 16: 23-40	Holy Communion Galatians 3: 19-4:7 Luke 7: 36-8:3
Sunday 24th	Holy Communion (BCP) Galatians 4: 8-21 Luke 8: 26-39	Service of the Word Sunday School Philemon	Evening Prayer (BCP) Galatians 4: 8-21 Luke 8: 26-39

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please see back page)

## Colin Buchanan

Australia Christian singer/songwriter is coming to St Andrew's Church, Leyland. The concert is for families (children under 10). Cost £4 per ticket.

**Saturday 23rd June, 3-5p.m.**

See Dan Howard for more information

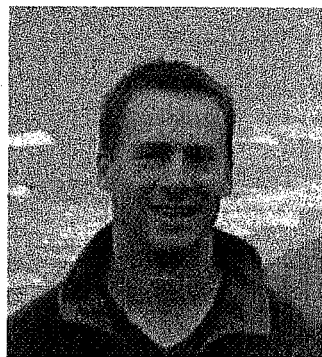
(we are going so do come with us)

Or ring 01772 422266 for tickets

Take picnic, games for children

# The Curate Writes

## *“What happens next?...”*



You know the sort of quiz question (e.g. on the BBC's 'A Question of Sport') when they show a clip and freeze-frame at the crucial moment, and you have to say what was just about to happen. It might be a snooker ball hitting the referee on the head, or a human sized banana running onto the football pitch. Anyway, here's a different kind of 'what happened next?...' for us to think about - albeit rather less frivolous.

Picture this: it's the middle of Friday morning in the parish of St Elsewhere, and the vicar and church wardens and other church families have just received threatening letters in the post. These letters say words to this effect: "if you don't convert to secular humanism then we'll bomb your church and kill the Christians!" So, what would happen? A few possibilities spring to mind; perhaps a committee meeting, or better, a prayer meeting, or even better, both together! We'd get the Rector to explain what 'secular humanism' actually is. Perhaps a phone call to the police station and mutterings about 'harassment' and 'trouble makers'. I certainly don't think there'd be any bombs or killings.

Of course, the 'what happens next?...' quiz only really works with a real-life situation. Sadly, the example I've just given is all too real. OK, not in England, but in Pakistan. And the pressure is to convert to Islam, not to secular humanism. But the threat is all too real. And, in Charsadda and Mardan, in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, it is happening right now. Next week it might be Egypt, or Iraq.

*'What is going to happen to Christ's church, in the long run?'*

So, what is going to happen next? What will our Christian brothers and sisters do? What will happen to the churches? If you want to find out, then keep in touch with Barnabas Fund by post or on the internet.

But we haven't asked the most important questions yet. One question we should ask is, 'what will the worldwide church do next?' Because, at the very least, there should be Christians across the world who join in prayer

for those who are being persecuted. And I hope that includes some in Deane Parish.

And another question: 'What is going to happen to Christ's church, in the long run?' Sometimes we don't know whether to feel complacent because things seem to be going very well for Christians in the UK, or to panic because the malign powers seem to grow in strength year on year. Is it inevitable that we will all end up facing terrorist threats? Will the church ultimately crumble and die out, under such pressure? This is one of many 21st century questions which the Bible answers.

Revelation 2:10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

These are the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. The persecution of the church hasn't taken Him by surprise, just as He expected His own persecution. But the Church's suffering will be limited - "ten days" in the above verse is symbolic, meaning it won't go on for ever. And the devil's schemes will ultimately fail, because Christ has been given all authority and He has promised to give His children the "crown of life." I, for one, am really looking forward to that!

In the mean time let us remain faithful, "even to the point of death". I hope and pray that the Pakistani Christians will not convert to Islam. And here in Deane, I hope and pray that we will not convert to our surrounding false religions, including secular humanism. †

## **Sermons Weekend (16 and 17 June)**

### **Saturday Morning**

Refreshments in the Memorial Hall car park; Church open to the public

### **Sunday**

10.30 a.m. Outdoor Service at St Mary's with Brass Band

*Guest Speaker: Dave Bagley*

Songs from the Children of St Mary's School and Sunday School

'Picnic' after the service — Everyone very welcome (please bring picnic)

Church open during **Sunday afternoon**; refreshments available

*More information to follow in the Church Service Sheets*

**Conwy**  
**Parish Weekend**  
**11- 13 May**  
**Beechwood Court**  
By Charles Winder



In its leafy setting above ancient Conway Beechwood Court was just right for our weekend. The variety of rooms and staircases appealed to the children and their jubilation enriched everyone's experience. Accommodation was excellent and the meals were generous and enjoyable.

There was time for thought and time for recreation and they blended successfully. Robin Gamble led us through a number of sessions humorously and seriously. Our theme was the growth of our church and he showed us how through listening, through personal invitation, through prayer, through taking opportunities as they occur, we can interest others in the teaching of Jesus and in his importance in our lives. Robin reflected on his own inadequacies and led us to reflect on ours. For a man so gifted in easy communication to admit difficulties in reaching out to people, even those close to him, allowed us to find strength in his example. During the



**Saturday night Party**

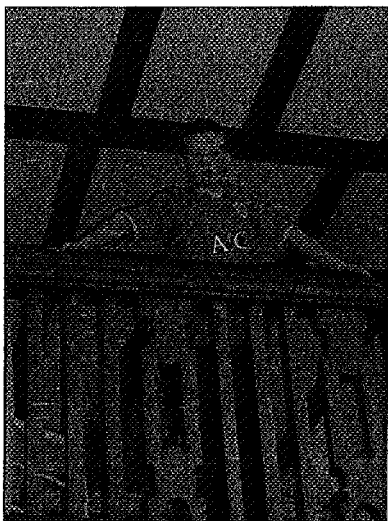


**So much lovely food!**

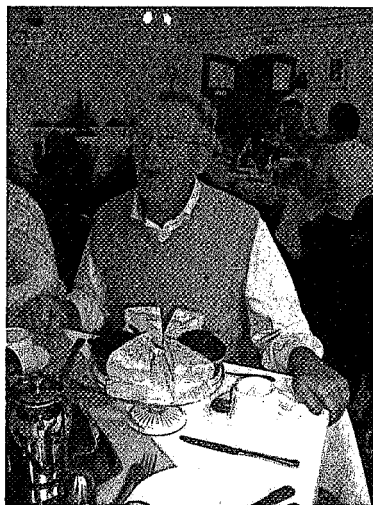
weekend we felt our church was already growing and that the captivating power of Jesus could speak to us through our community. Robin reminded us that Jesus also invited his followers in small numbers and did not run house-to-house campaigns or revivalist meetings. Yet there is a time for action. Like the first disciples we can take energy from the Holy Spirit.

Saturday afternoon was free and everyone took outings to gardens, castles, Llandudno, Conway and Anglesey. My group followed the undulating coastal path over Conway Mountain to the Sychnant Pass. There were swallows, swifts, ravens and a circling buzzard. The land and sea were another setting for our thoughts. That night Ken and Elizabeth Tidmarsh guided us through dingbats, musical hats and improvised drama. It was an exhilarating end to Saturday. How quickly everyone had come to know everyone else.

*Ethel, Sally and May want to say a very special 'thank you' for a very special weekend. They appreciated the many ways that they were helped during the weekend.*



**Children had fun too!**  
**Joe Partington**



**Speaker Robin Gamble**  
**Enjoying CAKE!**

On Sunday morning we took communion, acknowledging together the presence of Christ. It was a sublimely successful weekend. We are grateful to Beccy Rutter and Dan Howard for the music which so enriched our worship and most of all to Nola Kilsby and her assistants whose foresight and planning made everything possible.✚

### Quotes from the children:

'I enjoyed the hat game. It was lots of fun playing a game with all the grown-ups'  
*Bethia Howard*

'I enjoyed fabric painting a pillow case. I now have it on my pillow and I like to sleep on it! All the children had a great time outside playing on scooters, basketball and tennis. I'd like to go away again with my church friends'  
*Abigail Howard*

'I liked it because there was a park with a swing , slide and a seesaw. I also liked it because there was a tennis court and liked having other people to play with.'  
*Emma Partington*

'I liked it because there was basket ball nets there and I spent most of the time playing with it. The food was really nice and I had really big meals.'  
*Joe Partington*



**Time to chat and get to know one another better**



# **St Stephen's Children's Home**

## **'Giving God's Children a Chance'**

Spring Newsletter 2007

Warm greetings from the staff and children at St Stephen's.

We have celebrated a glorious Easter weekend here at Embu under sunny skies and with warm, dry weather. As we took this time to reflect on the great sacrifice that God made for us by offering up the life of his only son Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins and to rise again in glory, so that we, who believe in Him, might have everlasting life, we were also reminded of the sacrifices that each of our sponsors and donors make for us so that we might continue to do the work of caring for God's children here in Kenya. We give thanks for you always and pray that God will continue to bestow on each one of you, the blessings of good health and prosperity.

### **'It is you who enable us to work for him'**

The first few months of each year are always a very busy time for us as we:

- Return the children to their various classes for the new school year;
- Enrol new children, from the 'Home' and surrounding community, in our nursery programme;
- Enrol nursery school graduates in their first term of primary school;
- Help class 8 graduates to select a secondary or technical training school of their choice and make sure they are enrolled and delivered on time with all the necessary personal items and educational equipment needed to start this next big step in their life;
- Counsel secondary school students on what steps they should now take with their lives and assist them to take these steps;
- Undertake the necessary steps to identify, investigate and enrol new children into the 'Home' and start them on the road to rehabilitation.

All this while still finding the time to conduct the regular everyday duties that come from operating an institution like St Stephen's.

Almost every year since its inception, St Stephen's has undergone a measure of new growth and expansion, and this year is no exception. Our new underground water tank is now complete and ready to hold its share of the valuable rain water which will soon fall on this area. Our terraced parking area is finished and the new network of storm ditches are ready and waiting to control the mighty power of the coming rains. Despite some



problems with obtaining building materials, our two new classrooms being constructed, are well under way and will be a welcome addition to our facilities. They will provide space for a computer training programme and a library/reading room for the children.

Our hostel renovations are complete and one of our English sponsors has had the privilege of being our first guest. Timothy Wells is here for a three week working vacation and is busily planting two hundred eucalyptus trees around the perimeter of the property. These will initially provide a windbreak and some shade and, when they reach maturity, can be selectively cut down to provide a source of income from the valuable timber which is harvestable from these tall, straight-growing giants.

On the drawing board for the future, are plans to:

- Increase the capacity of our girls' dormitory, by adding a second storey;
- Construct a medical clinic on the Gatondo property, as we develop a facility to care for HIV+ children, as well as serve the medical needs of the community and provide a source of income for our work;
- Move our animal compound to a new property next to the Home, to provide space for the construction of additional staff housing;
- Make our workshops fully operational, enabling our children to learn the skills of tailoring, carpentry and metal work. We also hope the workshops will provide a profit making venture for the Home.

### **'It is you who enable us to work for Him'**

We remember you in our prayers, asking God to bless and protect each one of you, and we ask that you do likewise for us. We need all the help we can get as we work together towards our goal of:

### **'Giving God's Children a Chance'**

In service to God's children,  
*Don Moor*

*This newsletter has been sent out by Don Moor. Deaconess Jessie Njaga is away from the project at the moment, doing other work. St Stephen's is a project that has been supported by St Mary's Deane for several years. Chris, Sheila and Bethany Dewhurst-Taylor have special links with the project and would love to share their experiences of visiting Kenya a few years ago, with anyone who would like to know more about it. Perhaps other members of the congregation might consider visiting/working on this project? †*

# **Our School - St Mary's Deane**

Diane Jeffries - Head teacher  
John Tudor - Chair of Governors

This is the second article telling you about the work that goes on in our church school

## **Young Enterprise Week**

The week beginning the 19<sup>th</sup> March a Young Enterprise Week was launched by the staff and children. Each class was given £30 from which they had to show a profit from some form of business activity. The choice of project was their own, each afternoon they worked collaboratively on their project under the guidance of the class teacher and teaching assistant. The week was working towards with an "Open Afternoon" on the Friday. The school was open for parents to see what the children had made, buy items or participate in other business activities the children had arranged.

The object of the exercise was to raise as much money as possible for the school fund; the class which raised the most money, would receive a class award of "Young Enterprise of the Year".

The award was keenly fought over; there were a number of moneymaking schemes, from cake making to guess the Birthday of Teddy. The Foundation Stage raised £252.14, Year 1 raised £80.87 and produced some beautiful plant pots, and Year 2 raised £72.58 with buns cakes and cookies. Year 3 raised £123.86 with novelty doughnuts and imaginative advertising of their product, Year 4 raised £61.98 a by selling Dream Catchers they had made. Year 5 made some snazzy pens, which raised £86.60; Year 6 had a range of Fair Ground Food including Candyfloss and raised £167.92.

The parents and teachers dug deep and the combined total came to an impressive £849.95. The winner of the Young Enterprise of the Year Award was the Foundation stage who raised the whopping £252.14.

The fund raising did not stop there as that day was also Comic Relief Day and the children supported this event this by a "no uniform day" and raised a further £248 for that cause.

The week generated a great deal of enthusiasm, excitement and competition from children and teachers alike and all involved from parents to children asked when the next one would be. It looks like revenge is on the cards! The whole week was a tremendous effort from all concerned and raised a lot of money for the school fund and Red Nose Day.

**Congratulations to all concerned - You did well!**

## Love

*Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
If I lack'd anything.*

*'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here?'  
Love said, 'You shall be he.'  
I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on Thee.'  
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,  
'Who made the eyes but I?'*

*'Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.'  
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'  
My dear, then I will serve.'  
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'  
So I did sit and eat.*

*George Herbert*

## Ladies Guild Coffee Morning

Thank you for all the support for the annual coffee morning. The event raised £528.00 towards our charity fund. It was encouraging to our members who worked so hard to make the morning such a success.

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